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In view of the remarks above, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of the claims under §102(e). Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

***Conclusion***

Reconsideration of the application and its allowance are requested. If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (206) 442-6681.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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